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AN ACT MAKING MINOR AND TECHNICAL CHANGES TO DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION STATUTES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Section 30-7 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 3 Every regulation made by the Department of Consumer Protection
- 4 under the authority of this chapter shall be furnished to each permittee
- 5 upon request. The department shall biennially, on or before July first in
- 6 the odd-numbered years, publish in convenient pamphlet form all
- 7 regulations then in force and shall furnish upon request copies of such
- 8 pamphlets to every permittee authorized under the provisions of this
- 9 chapter to manufacture or sell alcoholic liquor and to such other
- 10 persons as desire such pamphlets. The posting of such regulations on
- 11 <u>the department's Internet web site shall constitute compliance with the</u>
- 12 requirements of this section.
- 13 Sec. 2. Section 12-563 of the 2012 supplement to the general statutes
- 14 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 15 from passage):
- All regulations of the department shall be adopted in the manner
- 17 provided in chapter 54. The commissioner shall, at least annually, on
- 18 or before December thirty-first of each year, publish in convenient

- pamphlet form all regulations then in force and shall furnish copies of such pamphlets to such persons who desire such pamphlets. <u>The</u> posting of such regulations on the department's Internet web site shall constitute compliance with the requirements of this section.
- Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 20-332 of the 2012 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 26 (a) Each examining board established under section 20-331 shall 27 have a seal and its members may administer oaths in the performance 28 of their duties. Each board shall keep a record of its proceedings and a 29 complete roster of all persons licensed or registered by it and entitled 30 to practice the occupation within the board's jurisdiction in this state. 31 Each board shall biennially furnish a copy of such roster to each town 32 clerk and shall notify such clerk of any deletions from such roster 33 within five days of such deletion. The posting of such roster and 34 deletions on the Department of Consumer Protection's Internet web 35 site shall constitute compliance with the requirements of this section.
 - Sec. 4. Section 20-377p of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

A certificate of registration as an interior designer shall be evidence that the person named in the certificate is entitled to the rights and privileges of a registered interior designer while such certificate remains in effect. The commissioner shall keep a roster of the names and addresses of all registered interior designers, all architects licensed in accordance with the provisions of chapter 390 and of such other information as the commissioner may by regulation require. Annually, during the month of September, the commissioner shall place such roster on file with the Secretary of the State and with the building department and library of each town. The commissioner shall maintain an index and record of each certificate of registration. A certificate shall remain in effect until revoked or suspended as provided in section 20-377s. The posting of such roster on the Department of Consumer

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- 51 <u>Protection's Internet web site shall constitute compliance with the</u>
- 52 <u>requirements of this section.</u>
- Sec. 5. Subsection (f) of section 25-129 of the general statutes is
- 54 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
- 55 passage):
- 56 (f) The department shall prepare a roster of all registered well
- 57 drillers and distribute it annually to the local director of health or his
- 58 agent and the building inspector, if there is one, of each town. The
- 59 posting of such roster on the Department of Consumer Protection's
- 60 <u>Internet web site shall constitute compliance with the requirements of</u>
- 61 this section.
- Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 43-3 of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
- 64 passage):
- 65 (a) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall be state
- 66 Commissioner of Weights and Measures. The commissioner may
- 67 appoint inspectors of weights and measures, with all the powers
- 68 incident to that office, when directed so to act by the commissioner.
- 69 Said commissioner shall take charge of the standards adopted, under
- 70 the provisions of section 43-2, as the standards of the state, and cause
- 71 them to be kept in a fire-proof building belonging to the state, or in a
- 72 suitable place in his office, from which they shall not be removed
- 73 except for repairs or for certification, and he shall take all other
- 74 necessary precautions for their safekeeping. He shall maintain the state
- standards in good order and shall provide for their certification as
- 76 prescribed by the National Institute of Standards and Technology at
- least once in ten years. He shall, at least once in two years, test by the
- 78 state standards all standard weights, measures and other apparatus
- 79 which belong to any municipality and shall seal such apparatus as is
- 80 found to be accurate, by stamping thereon, with seals kept for that
- 81 purpose, the letter "C" and the last two figures of the year of
- 82 certification. He shall have general supervision of the weights,

measures and weighing and measuring devices sold, offered for sale or used in the state. He, or the inspectors by his direction, shall, at least once in each year, test all scales, weights and measures used in checking the receipt or disbursement of supplies in each institution for the maintenance of which moneys are appropriated by the General Assembly, and he shall [report, in writing,] maintain a record of his findings and make such record available to the supervisory board and to the executive officer of the institution concerned, and, at the request of such board or executive officer, he shall appoint, in writing, one or more employees, in the service of each institution, who shall act as special deputies for the purpose of checking the receipt or disbursement of supplies. He shall keep a complete record of the standards, balances and other apparatus belonging to the state, and take a receipt for the same from his successor in office. He, or the inspectors at his direction, shall, at least once in two years, inspect the work of the local sealers throughout the state and shall have power to inspect and ascertain the correctness of all weights, scales, beams, measures, instruments or mechanical devices for measuring, and tools, appliances or accessories connected with any such instruments or measures kept, offered or exposed for sale, sold, used or employed by any proprietor, agent, lessee or employee in proving the size, quantity, extent, area or measurement of quantities, things, produce or articles for distribution or consumption, offered or submitted by such person or persons for sale, hire or reward; and shall, from time to time, weigh or measure packages or amounts of commodities of any kind kept for the purpose of sale, offered for sale or sold, or in the process of delivery, in order to determine whether the same contain the amounts represented, and whether they are offered for sale or sold in accordance with law. They may, in the performance of their official duties, enter, without warrant, into or upon any stand, place, building or other premises, or stop any vendor, peddler, junk dealer or driver of any vehicle transporting or containing coal, coke, ice or other commodity, or any dealer, and require him to proceed to some place which they may specify, for the purpose of making tests. Said commissioner or the inspectors may seal any such weighing or

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118 measuring instrument or apparatus which is found to be correct and 119 may seize and destroy any incorrect weight, measure or weighing or 120 measuring instrument. The commissioner shall issue, from time to 121 time, regulations prescribing specifications and tolerances for 122 commercial weights and measures and weighing and measuring 123 devices and regulations for the guidance of municipal sealers, which 124 regulations shall govern the procedure to be followed by such officers 125 in the discharge of their duties. The commissioner may by regulation 126 exempt specific duties and restrict specific powers of the municipal 127 sealers appointed under the provisions of section 43-6 thereby 128 reserving exclusively to the commissioner within the municipality the 129 duties exempted and powers restricted. The commissioner may adopt 130 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, 131 prescribing fees to be charged for any calibration services performed 132 by the Department of Consumer Protection, provided no fee shall be 133 charged for services provided in accordance with the provisions of 134 section 43-50 for those registrants residing in and having a business 135 location in this state. Whenever any municipality required by section 136 43-6 to appoint a sealer of weights and measures fails to do so or when 137 a municipal sealer appointed under the provisions of said section fails or neglects to perform his duties, the Commissioner of Weights and 138 139 Measures may direct his inspectors to perform such duties and the 140 clerk or comptroller of such municipality shall, upon notification and 141 request by the Commissioner of Weights and Measures, reimburse the 142 state for the cost of such services rendered.

- Sec. 7. Subsections (l) and (m) of section 12-575 of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- [(l) The commissioner shall, on or before the tenth day of each month, prepare and file with the Treasurer a full and complete statement of the department's receipts from all sources and shall turn over to the Treasurer all moneys in the department's possession.]
- [(m)] (1) The commissioner shall pay each municipality in which

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a horse race track is located, one-quarter of one per cent of the total money wagered on horse racing events at such race track, except the commissioner shall pay each such municipality having a population in excess of fifty thousand one per cent of the total money wagered at such horse racing events in such municipality. The commissioner shall pay each municipality in which a jai alai fronton or dog race track is located one-half of one per cent of the total money wagered on jai alai games or dog racing events at such fronton or dog race track, except the commissioner shall pay each such municipality having a population in excess of fifty thousand one per cent of the total money wagered on jai alai games or dog racing events at such fronton or dog race track located in such municipality. The commissioner shall pay each municipality in which an off-track betting facility is located one and three-fifths per cent of the total money wagered in such facility less amounts paid as refunds or for cancellations. The commissioner shall pay to both the city of New Haven and the town of Windsor Locks an additional one-half of one per cent of the total money wagered less any amount paid as a refund or a cancellation in any facility equipped with screens for simulcasting after October 1, 1997, located within a fifteen-mile radius of facilities in New Haven and Windsor Locks. Payment shall be made not less than four times a year and not more than twelve times a year as determined by the commissioner, and shall be made from the tax imposed pursuant to subsection (d) of this section for horse racing, subsection (e) of this section for dog racing, subsection (f) of this section for jai alai games and subsection (g) of this section for off-track betting. (2) If, for any calendar year after the surrender of a license to conduct jai alai events by any person or business organization pursuant to subsection (c) of section 12-574c and prior to the opening of any dog race track by such person or business organization, any other person or business organization licensed to conduct jai alai events is authorized to conduct a number of performances greater than the number authorized for such licensee in the previous calendar year, the commissioner shall pay the municipality in which the jai alai fronton for which such license was surrendered was located, rather than the

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municipality in which the jai alai fronton conducting the increased performances is located, one-half of one per cent of the total money wagered on jai alai games for such increased performances at the fronton which conducted the additional performances, except the commissioner shall pay each such municipality having a population in excess of fifty thousand one per cent of the total money wagered on jai alai games for such increased performances at such fronton. (3) During any state fiscal year ending on or after June 30, 1993, the commissioner shall pay each municipality in which a dog race track was operating prior to July 5, 1991, one per cent of the total money wagered on dog racing events at such dog race track. (4) During the state fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, each municipality in which a dog race track was operating prior to July 5, 1991, shall pay the Northeast Connecticut Economic Alliance, Inc. two-tenths of one per cent of the total money wagered on dog racing events at any dog race track operating prior to July 5, 1991. (5) In the event a licensee incurs a loss from the operation of a pari-mutuel facility, as determined by the commissioner, the legislative body of the city or town in which such facility is located may direct the commissioner to credit or rebate all or a part of the revenue otherwise due to the municipality back to the facility. In no case shall such credit and such reimbursement exceed the amount of the licensee's loss, and in no fiscal year shall these provisions affect the total fees paid to the state by the authorized operator of the off-track betting system on its off-track betting activities.

Sec. 8. Section 7-173 of the 2012 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Any organization desiring to operate a bazaar or raffle in a municipality which has adopted the provisions of sections 7-170 to 7-186, inclusive, shall make application in duplicate, duly executed and verified, to the chief of police of any municipality having a police department or to the chief executive officer of any town in which there is no police department, on a form to be prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in which shall be stated (a) the

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name and address of the applicant; (b) facts relating to its incorporation or organization; (c) the names, titles and addresses of its officers; (d) the kind of bazaar or raffle intended to be held, operated and conducted by the applicant; (e) the place where such bazaar or raffle is intended to be conducted by the applicant under the permit applied for; (f) the date or dates and the time or times when such bazaar or raffle is intended to be conducted by the applicant under the permit applied for; (g) in the case of a raffle, the number and price of tickets intended to be sold; (h) the items of expense intended to be incurred or paid in connection with the holding, operating and conducting of such bazaar or raffle and the names and addresses of the persons to whom, and the purposes for which, they are to be paid; (i) the items of merchandise offered, the price to be paid by the organization therefor or the retail value of any prize donated, and the names and addresses of the persons from whom purchased or by whom donated; (j) the specific purposes to which the entire net proceeds of such bazaar or raffle are to be devoted and in what manner; and (k) any other information which the commissioner reasonably requires for the protection of the public. In each application there shall be designated three active members of the applicant under whom the bazaar or raffle described in the application is to be held, operated and conducted and to the application shall be appended a statement signed, under penalty of false statement, by such members so designated that they are [electors of the municipality in which the permit is sought residents of the state and will be responsible for the holding, operation and conduct of such bazaar or raffle in accordance with the terms of the permit and the provisions of said sections, and that the statements contained in the application are, to the best of their knowledge and belief, true. Such chief of police or chief executive officer, as the case may be, shall, at least five business days prior to the date of such bazaar or raffle, forward the original copy of such application to said commissioner who shall review such application to determine whether the applicant is qualified to hold, operate and conduct a bazaar or raffle under the provisions of sections 7-170 to 7-186, inclusive, or any regulations adopted pursuant thereto, and

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- whether other requirements in said statutes and regulations have been satisfied. For the purposes of applying for a "Class No. 7" permit, authorized pursuant to section 7-175, the application required
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- Sec. 9. Section 21a-190b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - (a) Every charitable organization not exempted by section 21a-190d shall annually register with the department prior to conducting any solicitation or prior to having any solicitation conducted on its behalf by others. Application for registration shall be in a form prescribed by the commissioner and shall include payment of a fee of fifty dollars. Such application shall include: (1) A registration statement, (2) an annual financial report for such organization for the preceding fiscal year that is prepared in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 21a-190c, and (3) an audited financial statement as required by subsection (b) of said section 21a-190c. Two authorized officers of the organization shall sign the registration statement and shall certify that the statements therein are true and correct to the best of their knowledge. A chapter, branch or affiliate in this state of a registered parent organization shall not be required to register provided the parent organization files a consolidated annual registration for itself and its chapter, branch or affiliate. Each charitable organization shall annually renew its registration not later than [five] eleven months after the end of such organization's fiscal year.
 - (b) In the event the department determines that the application for registration does not contain the documents required in subsection (a) of this section or is not in accordance with the regulations adopted by the commissioner pursuant to this chapter, the department shall notify the charitable organization of such noncompliance not later than ten days after the department's receipt of such application for registration. An application for registration shall be deemed to be approved if the charitable organization is not notified of noncompliance by the

- department not later than ten days after the department's receipt of the application for registration. Any such charitable organization may request a hearing on its noncompliant status not later than seven days after receipt of such noncompliance notice. Such hearing shall be held not later than seven days after the department's receipt of such request and a determination as to the organization's compliance status shall be rendered no later than three days after such hearing.
 - (c) In addition to the application fee required pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, a charitable organization shall pay a late fee of twenty-five dollars for each month, or part thereof, that such application for registration is late. [, except that such late fee shall not include any month during which an extension of time was granted pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.] The commissioner may, upon written request and for good cause shown, waive or reduce any late fee under this section.
 - [(d) The commissioner may, for good cause shown, grant an extension of time, not to exceed six months from the date the report was due, for the filing of a charitable organization's annual financial report. Any previous registration shall remain in effect during any such extension period.]
 - [(e)] (d) In the event that a charitable organization fails to register in accordance with the provisions of this section, such organization shall include in its application for registration an annual financial report for each of the previous years in which such organization was required to file an application for registration or an annual financial report.
 - [(f)] (e) Any charitable organization registered in accordance with this section on September 30, 2005, shall be deemed to be registered pursuant to this section until the last day of the fifth month after the close of the fiscal year in effect on September 30, 2005.
- Sec. 10. Subsection (f) of section 20-314 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(f) All licenses issued under the provisions of this chapter shall expire annually. At the time of application for a real estate broker's license, there shall be paid to the commission, for each individual applicant and for each proposed active member or officer of a firm, partnership, association or corporation, the sum of five hundred sixtyfive dollars, and for the annual renewal thereof, the sum of three hundred seventy-five dollars and for a real estate salesperson's license two hundred eighty-five dollars and for the annual renewal thereof the sum of two hundred eighty-five dollars. Three dollars of each such annual renewal fee shall be payable to the Real Estate Guaranty Fund established pursuant to section 20-324a. If a license is not issued, the fee shall be returned. A real estate broker's license issued to any partnership, association or corporation shall entitle the individual designated in the application, as provided in section 20-312, upon compliance with the terms of this chapter, but without the payment of any further fee, to perform all of the acts of a real estate broker under this chapter on behalf of such partnership, association or corporation. Any license which expires and is not renewed pursuant to this subsection may be reinstated by the commission, if, not later than two years after the date of expiration, the former licensee pays to the commission for each real estate broker's license the sum of three hundred seventy-five dollars and for each real estate salesperson's license the sum of two hundred eighty-five dollars for each year or fraction thereof from the date of expiration of the previous license to the date of payment for reinstatement, except that any licensee whose license expired after such licensee entered military service shall be reinstated without payment of any fee if an application for reinstatement is filed with the commission within two years after the date of expiration. Any such reinstated license shall expire on the next succeeding [April thirtieth] March thirty-first for real estate brokers or the next succeeding May thirty-first for real estate salespersons.

Sec. 11. Subsection (e) of section 20-417b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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- (e) [A certificate shall not be restored unless it is renewed not later than one year after its expiration.] All certificates issued under the provisions of this chapter shall expire biennially. The fee for renewal of a certificate shall be the same as the fee charged for the original application.
- Sec. 12. Subsection (g) of section 20-432 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - (g) Before the commissioner shall issue any order directing payment out of the guaranty fund to an owner pursuant to subsections (e) or (f) of this section, the commissioner shall first notify the contractor of the owner's application for an order directing payment out of the guaranty fund and of the contractor's right to a hearing to contest the disbursement in the event that the contractor has already paid the owner or is complying with a payment schedule in accordance with a court judgment. Such notice shall be given to the contractor within fifteen days of the receipt by the commissioner of the owner's application for an order directing payment out of the guaranty fund. If the contractor requests a hearing in writing by certified mail within fifteen days of receipt of the notice from the commissioner, the commissioner shall grant such request and shall conduct a hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. If the commissioner receives no written request by certified mail from the contractor for a hearing within fifteen days of the contractor's receipt of such notice, the commissioner shall determine that the owner has not been paid, and the commissioner shall issue an order directing payment out of the guaranty fund for the amount unpaid upon the judgment for actual damages and costs taxed by the court against the contractor, exclusive of punitive damages, or for the amount unpaid upon the order of restitution.
 - Sec. 13. Subsection (a) of section 42-310 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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- 387 (a) As used in this section:
- 388 (1) "Buying club" means any partnership, corporation, limited 389 liability company, association, trust, or any other legal entity that 390 offers memberships to consumers for a fee whereby such consumers 391 may purchase consumer goods <u>or services</u> from such entity either 392 exclusively from a catalog or whose membership fee is two hundred 393 dollars or greater;
- 394 (2) "Consumer" means any person who purchases a consumer good other than for resale:
- 396 (3) "Consumer [goods"] goods or services" means goods or services
 397 purchased or leased primarily for personal, family, <u>leisure</u>,
 398 <u>entertainment</u> or household purposes.
- Sec. 14. Section 20-419 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:
- 402 (1) "Certificate" means a certificate of registration issued under 403 section 20-422.
- 404 (2) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer 405 Protection or any person designated by the commissioner to 406 administer and enforce this chapter.
- (3) "Contractor" means any person who owns and operates a home improvement business or who undertakes, offers to undertake or agrees to perform any home improvement. "Contractor" does not include a person for whom the total [cash] price of all of his home improvement contracts with all of his customers does not exceed one thousand dollars during any period of twelve consecutive months.
- 413 (4) "Home improvement" includes, but is not limited to, the repair, 414 replacement, remodeling, alteration, conversion, modernization, 415 improvement, rehabilitation or sandblasting of, or addition to any land

or building or that portion thereof which is used or designed to be used as a private residence, dwelling place or residential rental property, or the construction, replacement, installation improvement of driveways, swimming pools, porches, garages, roofs, siding, insulation, sunrooms, flooring, patios, landscaping, fences, doors and windows and waterproofing in connection with such land or building or that portion thereof which is used or designed to be used as a private residence, dwelling place or residential rental property or the removal or replacement of a residential underground heating oil storage tank system, in which the total [cash] price for all work agreed upon between the contractor and owner or proposed or offered by the contractor exceeds two hundred dollars. "Home improvement" does not include: (A) The construction of a new home; (B) the sale of goods by a seller who neither arranges to perform nor performs, directly or indirectly, any work or labor in connection with the installation or application of the goods or materials; (C) the sale of goods or services furnished for commercial or business use or for resale, provided commercial or business use does not include use as residential rental property; (D) the sale of appliances, such as stoves, refrigerators, freezers, room air conditioners and others which are designed for and are easily removable from the premises without material alteration thereof; and (E) any work performed without compensation by the owner on his own private residence or residential rental property.

- (5) "Home improvement contract" means an agreement between a contractor and an owner for the performance of a home improvement.
- (6) "Owner" means a person who owns or resides in a private residence and includes any agent thereof. An owner of a private residence shall not be required to reside in such residence to be deemed an owner under this subdivision.
- 446 (7) "Person" means an individual, partnership, limited liability 447 company or corporation.

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- (8) "Private residence" means a single family dwelling, a multifamily 448 449 dwelling consisting of not more than six units, or a unit, common 450 element or limited common element in a condominium, as defined in 451 section 47-68a, or in a common interest community, as defined in 452 section 47-202.
 - (9) "Salesman" means any individual who (A) negotiates or offers to negotiate a home improvement contract with an owner or (B) solicits or otherwise endeavors to procure by any means whatsoever, directly or indirectly, a home improvement contract from an owner on behalf of a contractor.
- 458 (10) "Residential rental property" means a single family dwelling, a 459 multifamily dwelling consisting of not more than six units, or a unit, 460 common element or limited common element in a condominium, as defined in section 47-68a, or in a common interest community, as 462 defined in section 47-202, which is not owner-occupied.
 - (11) "Residential underground heating oil storage tank system" means an underground storage tank system used with or without ancillary components in connection with real property composed of four or less residential units.
 - (12) "Underground storage tank system" means an underground tank or combination of tanks, with any underground pipes or ancillary equipment or containment systems connected to such tank or tanks, used to contain an accumulation of petroleum, which volume is ten per cent or more beneath the surface of the ground.
- 472 Sec. 15. Section 20-512 of the general statutes is repealed and the 473 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, with the advice and assistance of the commission, may adopt such reasonable regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, as the commissioner may deem necessary relating to the approval of schools offering courses in real estate appraisal principles and practice and related subjects, the

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- content of such courses or programs and the advertising to the public of the services of such schools. Such regulations [shall not] may require approval of instructors at such schools.
- Sec. 16. Subsection (a) of section 20-334a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the following licenses may be issued by the Department of Consumer Protection, upon authorization of the boards, under the provisions of section 20-333:
 - (1) (A) An unlimited contractor's license may be issued to a person who has served as a journeyman in the trade for which such person seeks a license for not less than two years and, if such service as a journeyman was outside this state, has furnished evidence satisfactory to the appropriate state board that such service is comparable to similar service in this state, or has furnished satisfactory evidence of education and experience and has passed an examination which has demonstrated that such person is competent in all aspects of such trade to be an unlimited contractor. (B) A limited contractor's license may be issued to a person who fulfills the requirements of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision as to a specific area or areas within the trade for which such person seeks a license. (C) The holder of an unlimited or a limited contractor's license may, within the trade, or the area or areas of the trade, for which such holder has been licensed, furnish supplies and do layout, installation, repair and maintenance work and distribute and handle materials, provided nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to authorize the performance of any action for which licensure is required under the provisions of chapter 390 or 391. Such licensee shall furnish the board with evidence that such licensee will comply with all state requirements pertaining to workers' compensation and unemployment insurance and that such evidence shall be available to any properly interested person prior to the issuance of a license under this

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- 513 (2) (A) An unlimited journeyman's license may be issued to any 514 person who has completed a bona fide apprenticeship program, 515 including not less than four years' experience in the trade for which 516 such person seeks a license, and has demonstrated such person's 517 competency to perform all services included in the trade for which a 518 license is sought by successfully completing the applicable state 519 licensure examination. (B) A limited journeyman's license may be 520 issued to a person who fulfills the requirements of subparagraph (A) of 521 this subdivision in a specific area or areas of the trade for which such 522 person seeks a license, provided the length of experience required may 523 be less than four years for such area or areas of the trade.
 - [(3) (A) An elevator craftsman's license may be issued to any person who has completed an apprenticeship program, has at least two years' experience in elevator installation, repair and maintenance work and has demonstrated such person's competency to perform such work. (B) An elevator helper's license may be issued for the performance of elevator maintenance under the supervision of an elevator craftsman.]
 - [(4)] (3) An apprentice's permit may be issued for the performance of work in a trade licensed under the provisions of this chapter, for the purpose of training, which work may be performed only under the supervision of a licensed contractor, journeyman or elevator craftsman.
- [(5)] (4) An apprentice permit shall expire upon the failure of the apprentice holding such permit to apply for the first licensure examination given by the department following completion of an apprentice training program as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection.
- Sec. 17. Section 20-335 of the 2012 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- Any person who has successfully completed an examination for

such person's initial license under this chapter shall pay to the Department of Consumer Protection a fee of one hundred fifty dollars for a contractor's license or a fee of one hundred twenty dollars for any other such license. All such licenses shall expire annually. No person shall carry on or engage in the work or occupations subject to this chapter after the expiration of such person's license until such person has filed an application bearing the date of such person's registration card with the appropriate board. Such application shall be in writing, addressed to the secretary of the board from which such renewal is sought and signed by the person applying for such renewal. A licensee applying for renewal shall, at such times as the commissioner shall by regulation prescribe, furnish evidence satisfactory to the board that the licensee has completed any continuing professional education required under sections 20-330 to 20-341, inclusive, or any regulations adopted thereunder. The board may renew such license if the application for such renewal is received by the board no later than one month after the date of expiration of such license, upon payment to the department of a renewal fee of one hundred fifty dollars in the case of a contractor and of one hundred twenty dollars for any other such license. For any completed renewal application submitted pursuant to this section that requires a hearing or other action by the applicable examining board, such hearing or other action by the applicable examining board shall occur not later than thirty days after the date of submission for such completed renewal application. The department shall issue a receipt stating the fact of such payment, which receipt shall be a license to engage in such work or occupation. A licensee who has failed to renew such licensee's license for a period of over [one year] two years from the date of expiration of such license shall have it reinstated only upon complying with the requirements of section 20-333. All license fees and renewal fees paid to the department pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the General Fund.

Sec. 18. Subsection (d) of section 20-355 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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- (d) All licenses issued under this chapter shall expire annually. If a licensee has failed to renew his license within [one year] <u>two years</u> after its expiration, his application for renewal shall be considered as a new application under section 20-350.
- Sec. 19. Subsection (c) of section 20-349 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - (c) Any person desiring to be licensed under this chapter shall apply to the board in writing, on forms which the Department of Consumer Protection shall provide, stating: (1) Such person's name, residence address and business address; (2) a brief description of his qualifications, including the length and nature of his experience; (3) in the case of an apprentice, the name of his employer or supervisor; and (4) such other information as the department may require. Each application for a license as a service dealer shall be accompanied by a fee of two hundred dollars. Each application for a license as a licensed electronics technician, licensed antenna technician or licensed radio electronics technician shall be accompanied by a fee of eighty dollars. Each application for a permit as an apprentice shall be accompanied by a fee of forty dollars. If a service dealer as an individual is a licensed electronics technician or licensed radio electronics technician, only one license fee shall be charged in the amount of two hundred dollars. [On receipt of an application under the provisions of this section, the board may, for an additional fee of forty dollars, authorize the department to issue a temporary permit which will allow the applicant to serve in the capacity for which he seeks licensure until the next examination for such license, provided only one such temporary permit shall be issued to such applicant.] All such fees shall be paid to the department.
 - Sec. 20. Subsection (b) of section 21a-4 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - (b) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may impose a fine of

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- 609 twenty dollars on any applicant for a permit or license issued by the
- 610 Commissioner of Consumer Protection who issues to the
- 611 commissioner a check drawn on the account of such applicant in
- payment of a permit or license fee and whose check is returned to the
- Department of Consumer Protection as uncollectible. <u>In addition, the</u>
- 614 commissioner may require the applicant to pay to the department any
- 615 fees charged by a financial institution to the department as a result of
- 616 such returned check.
- Sec. 21. Subsection (b) of section 21-33b of the general statutes is
- 618 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from
- 619 passage):
- (b) Any itinerant vendor or managing itinerant vendor who receives
- 621 a license pursuant to section 21-28, shall pay a fee of [one] two
- 622 hundred dollars annually to the guaranty fund. Such fund shall be
- 623 used to satisfy consumer claims against a licensed itinerant vendor or
- 624 licensed managing itinerant vendor. In no event shall any payment out
- of said guaranty fund be in excess of five hundred dollars for any
- 626 single consumer claim. No claim for payment from the guaranty fund
- shall be accepted by the commissioner more than six months after the
- date of the transaction giving rise to such claim.
- Sec. 22. Section 42-298 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 630 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- No person shall advertise, as defined in section 42-295, a game of
- 632 skill where a prize with a fair market value of over two hundred
- dollars is awarded to a winner if participants are required to pay an
- entry or judging fee or are solicited to purchase a good or service
- 635 designed to assist the participant in winning the game of skill
- 636 provided the participant may be required to purchase a consumer
- 637 product or service if the game of skill is designed primarily to promote
- 638 such product or service.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:				
Section 1	from passage	30-7		
Sec. 2	from passage	12-563		
Sec. 3	from passage	20-332(a)		
Sec. 4	from passage	20-377p		
Sec. 5	from passage	25-129(f)		
Sec. 6	from passage	43-3(a)		
Sec. 7	from passage	12-575(l) and (m)		
Sec. 8	from passage	7-173		
Sec. 9	from passage	21a-190b		
Sec. 10	from passage	20-314(f)		
Sec. 11	from passage	20-417b(e)		
Sec. 12	from passage	20-432(g)		
Sec. 13	from passage	42-310(a)		
Sec. 14	from passage	20-419		
Sec. 15	from passage	20-512		
Sec. 16	from passage	20-334a(a)		
Sec. 17	from passage	20-335		
Sec. 18	from passage	20-355(d)		
Sec. 19	from passage	20-349(c)		
Sec. 20	from passage	21a-4(b)		
Sec. 21	from passage	21-33b(b)		
Sec. 22	from passage	42-298		

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